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**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM**

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## Special Announcement: Grant Applications Now Online



The City of Tacoma received a 2013 tree planting grant for its 'Diversi-tree' program.

DNR's Urban and Community Forestry program (UCF) 2014 grant applications are now available on our [grant resources webpage](#).

UCF is offering grant opportunities in three categories:

- \* Community Forestry Assistance Grants,
- \* Inventory Grants, and
- \* Tree Planting Grants.

If your community is a Tree City USA, the announcement and links to applications will be sent directly to your community's Tree City USA contact.

The grants, offered in partnership with the [US Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program](#), may be awarded to local units of government, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, or tribal governments. Community tree volunteer groups and neighborhood associations, while not directly eligible to apply, are encouraged to develop their projects in conjunction with an eligible organization.

### Community Forestry Assistance Grants

[Examples of projects](#) that may be funded through Community Forestry Assistance grants include:

Program Development and Planning:

- Urban Forestry Ordinance Development or Revisions
- Urban Forestry Board or Commission Development or Training
- Urban Forest Resource Canopy Assessment and Mapping
- Efforts toward becoming a Tree City USA
- Planning or Management Document Development, i.e., Street-tree Master Plan or Urban

- Forest Strategic Management Plan
- Advanced training for tree management staff (scholarships to Municipal Tree Management Institute, for example).

#### Education:

- Urban Forestry Education Curriculum and Materials Development
- Urban Forestry Reference Library Establishment or Enhancement
- Research Projects that include an explanation of how the results will be shared
- Public Education and Outreach

### Community Forestry Tree Inventory Grants

These grants are open to local, municipal or Tribal governments or institutions. The purpose of this project is to fund the implementation of a public tree inventory system to be used as a basis for managing a jurisdiction's urban community forest. Inventory collection will be undertaken by professional arboriculture consultants under contract with DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program. Data collection is standardized but allows flexibility to meet individual community needs. Participating communities will receive a report summarizing the composition and condition of the community forest along with pertinent resource management recommendations. Collected data will be provided to the community. An urban and community forestry specialist will be available for technical assistance to help develop future maintenance and management plans.

### Tree Planting Grants

These grants are offered to Tree City USA communities who plan for, maintain and manage landscape trees with a goal to increase canopy cover over time. Nonprofit organizations [501 (c)(3)], educational institutions, or tribal governments may apply in partnership with eligible communities. Communities that qualify for Tree City USA, but have not received recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation, may apply for grant funds upon DNR approving a 2013 Tree City USA application.

[Contact us](#) if you have questions: 360-902-1703 or 360-902-1330.

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